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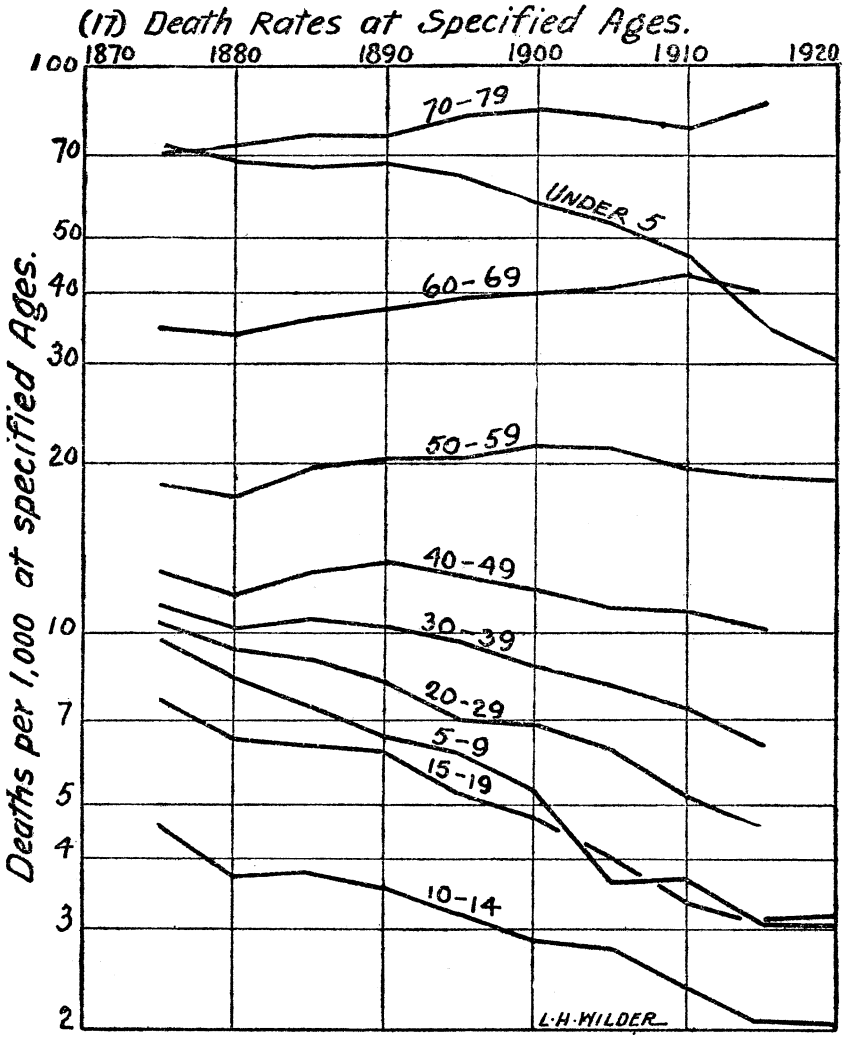

LIFE TABLES FOR STATES AND CITIES, 1920.

The Department of Commerce announces that abridged life tables based upon the 1920 United States Census will soon be issued showing conditions in 24 States and 14 large cities, also in the Territory of Hawaii.

Altogether these tables cover 74 per cent of the total population of the United States. They show for these States and cities taken as an aggregate that the expectation of life at birth is 55.23 for white males and 57.41 for white females.

According to these tables Kansas ranks highest, the expectation of life at birth in Kansas being 59.73 for white males and 60.89 for white females. Wisconsin ranks next with 58.77 years for white

males and 60.70 for white females. If a record as a standard of comparison be desired, it may be found in the figures for females in the county of West Sussex, England, whose expectation of life, the highest ever published officially by any country, was 63.05 in 1911–12.

Washington, D. C., outranks all other of the 14 cities with 53.83 years as the expectation of life for white males and 59.83 for white females. Pittsburgh comes at the foot of the list with 47.16 years for white males and 50.42 for white females.

For negro males in the large cities the expectation of life is 37.96 as compared with 51.55 for white males, a difference of 13.63 years. For negro females the figure is 40.28 and for white females 54.77.

For purposes of comparison and to indicate progress a table is included covering the census years 1910 and 1920. This, however, is restricted to the "original registration States," which include the six New England States, New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Michigan, and the District of Columbia, since figures for other States are not available as far back as 1910. Within this area the expectation of life for white males has advanced from 50.23 in 1910 to 53.98 in 1920, an increase of 3.75; and for females it has advanced from 53.62 to 56.33, an increase of 2.71.

Expectation of life.

[Original registration States.]

Year.	Age 0.	Age 32.	Age 62.
White males:			
1920	53.98	34.93	13.38
1910	50.23	33.33	12.85
Difference	3.75	1.60	.53
White females:			
1920	56.33	36.12	14.01
1910	53.52	35.40	13.70
Difference	2.71	.72	.31
Negro males:			
1920	40.14	28.50	11.42
1910	34.05	26.16	10.88
Difference	6.09	2.34	.54
Negro females:			
1920	42.16	28.82	12.12
1910	37.67	28.33	11.96
Difference	4.49	.49	.16

For those males who have reached the age of 32 the expectation of life is 34.93 years, and for those who have reached the age of 62 it is 13.38. For white females it is 36.12 at the age of 32, and 14.01 at the age of 62. These life tables show a marked improvement in mortality conditions among all classes between 1910 and 1920, except at certain ages between 17 and 32, these exceptions being due to the influenza epidemic.

While the various mortality conditions show that the chances of living are much more favorable among whites than among negroes, the improvement among negroes between 1910 and 1920 was slightly greater than that among whites. Had it not been for the influenza epidemics of 1919 and 1920 the expectation of life shown for 1920 would have been considerably greater for both whites and negroes.

The following table shows the various areas ranked according to the complete expectation of life at birth for each sex.

Complete expectation of life at birth, 1920.

WHITE (EXCEPT IN HAWAII).

Rank.	Area.	Males.	Rank.	Area.	Females.
1	Kansas	59.73	1	Kansas	60.89
2	Wisconsin	58.77	2	Wisconsin	60.70
3	Minnesota	58.54	3	Minnesota	60.58
4	Tennessee	58.49	4	Washington	60.44
5	Oregon; Washington	57.82	5	Oregon	60.31
			6	Washington, D. C.	59.83
6	Kentucky	57.61	7	Missouri	58.95
7	North Carolina	57.55	8	Tennessee	58.42
8	Indiana	56.84	9	Utah	58.41
9	Virginia	56.75	10	Virginia	58.35
10	Missouri	56.74	11	California	58.32
11	Ohio	56.18	12	Ohio	58.27
12	South Carolina	55.76	13	North Carolina	57.87
13	Utah	55.31	14	Illinois	57.57
14	**Aggregate**	**55.23**	15	Kentucky	57.53
15	Michigan	55.07	16	Los Angeles; South Carolina	57.51
16	Illinois	55.01			
17	California	54.36	17	Indiana	57.45
18	Massachusetts	54.00	18	**Aggregate**	**57.41**
19	Original registration States [1]	53.98	19	Connecticut	56.76
20	Connecticut	53.84	20	Massachusetts; San Francisco	56.50
21	Washington, D. C.	53.83			
22	New Jersey	53.77	21	New Jersey	56.47
23	Maryland	53.57	22	Original registration States [1]	56.33
24	Los Angeles	53.35	23	St. Louis	56.14
25	Pennsylvania	53.16	24	Michigan	55.94
26	New York	52.74	25	Cleveland; Pennsylvania	55.85
27	St. Louis	52.46			
28	Cleveland	52.44	26	Maryland	55.82
29	Chicago	52.19	27	New York	55.66
30	Philadelphia	52.08	28	Chicago	55.33
31	Detroit	52.03	29	Philadelphia	54.83
32	San Francisco	51.68	30	Aggregate in cities	54.77
33	Aggregate in cities	51.55	31	New York City	52.72
34	New York City	51.32	32	Baltimore	54.24
35	Baltimore	51.11	33	New Orleans	54.01
36	Boston	50.55	34	Detroit	53.43
37	Buffalo	49.53	35	Boston	53.32
38	New Orleans	49.39	36	Buffalo	52.98
39	Japanese in Hawaii	49.30	37	Pittsburgh	50.42
40	Hawaii (all races)	47.60	38	Japanese in Hawaii	47.70
41	Pittsburgh	47.16	39	Hawaii (all races)	47.31

NEGRO.

42	States with more than 5 per cent Negro population	46.25	40	States with more than 5 per cent Negro population	45.38
43	States with less than 4 per cent Negro population; Original registration States [1]	40.14	41	States with less than 4 per cent Negro population	42.46
			42	Original registration States [1]	42.16
44	Large cities	37.96	43	Large cities	40.28

[1] Original registration States include the New England States, Indiana, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, and the District of Columbia.